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JORDAN WATERS

DEPTEL 1032 TO BEIRUT

QUAI'S [redacted] APRIL FIRST INFORMED US THAT LAST FRENCH DEMARCHES TO LEBANESE ON JORDAN WATERS MADE IN FEBRUARY. QUAIOFF SAID THAT, AS REPORTED EMBTEL 4757, FRENCH DEMARCHES HAD REMAINED ON LEVEL BROAD PRINCIPLES CENTERING ON NECESSITY REDUCING LEVEL ISRAELI CONCERN AND OFFERING FRENCH VIEW OF

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INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL FACTORS INVOLVED (DEPTEL 4946 AND EMBTEL 5498).

LEBANESE REACTION REPORTEDLY EQUALLY GENERAL AND SOMEWHAT FUZZY. LEBANESE DID NOT TELL FRENCH PRECISELY WHAT THEY INTENDED TO DO BUT NOTED BEIRUT COMPELLED BY UAC PRESSURES TO PROCEED; LEBS SAID HAVE DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS CAUGHT BETWEEN RISKS INHERENT IN POSSIBLE ISRAELI REACTION AND DANGERS INTERNAL SCISSION ALONG COMMUNITY LINES IF UNDERTAKING INSUFFICIENTLY VISIBLE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES LEBANESE HAD TO OPT FOR NATIONAL UNITY. LEBANESE LEFT FRENCH WITH IMPRESSION THEY CAUTIOUSLY FEELING THEIR WAY AND HOPED PROCEED AS UNPROVOCATIVELY AS POSSIBLE.

COMMENT: AS INDICATED EMBTEL 5346 MATTER LIKELY TO ARISE AGAIN AT HIGH LEVEL DURING FORTHCOMING HELOU VISIT, AFFORDING EMB OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER READING. GP-3 BOHLEN

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